

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, Steven C. Stewart, on January 30, 2009.

During the interview, Applicant understands that Applicant's representative presented arguments distinguishing the claims from the cited references. In particular, claims 1, 12, and 19 and the Dussud reference.

Several proposed claim amendments were also discussed during the interview. Applicant's representative understood the Examiner to tentatively concur that the claims, amended as proposed during the interview, would be allowable over at least the references of record. Accordingly, Applicant herein amends claims 1, 12, and 19 in the manner discussed during the interview.

Claims 1-12, 14, and 17-24 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.